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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VIETNAMESE DELEGATION(S) TO WHA

1. AS IT TURNED OUT, NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM SENT SAME DELEGATION, BUT ACCREDITED SEPARATELY BY THE TWO STATES. THEY WERE SEPARATELY AND DULY ACCREDITED BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN HANOI AND IN HO CHI MINH CITY BUT THEY WERE JOINTLY HEADED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE VICE MINISTER OF HEALTH, HOANG DINH CAU. WHA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THEIR CREDENTIALS. WHO LEGAL DIRECTOR TOLD US HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO GROUP SO ACCREDITED HAVING TWO VOTES. DELEGATIONS WERE SEATED SIDE BY SIDE IN MAIN COMMITTEES DESPITE FACT THAT THIS MEANT DISREGARDING NORMAL ALPHABETICAL ORDER. DURING FEW DAYS THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATES WERE PRESENT, QUESTION OF VOTING RIGHTS DID NOT ARISE. HOANG DINH CAU SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF WHA ANNOUNCING DEPARTURE OF "THE DELEGATIONS" OF THE DRV AND RSVN BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF OTHER WORK. SECRETARIAT PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED THIS LETTER TO WHA MEMBERS ON MAY 8.

2. COMMENT: VIETNAMESE WERE APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT DRV AND RSUN ARE ON THE ROAD TO UNION, AND AT SAME

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